

**REMARKS**

The Examiner's Action mailed on September 6, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully considered. Additionally attached to this Amendment is a Petition for a Two-month Extension of Time, extending the period for response to February 6, 2008.

In this Response, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 7. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim, and claims 1-25 remain pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Initially, Applicants wish to express appreciation to the Examiner for indicating that, although objected to for dependence from a rejected base claim, claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 7, except for the type of the data, and is believed to be allowable, together with claims 2-25 that depend therefrom. Claim 7 has been amended to further define data type B.

Claims 1-6 and 8-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being obvious over *Godwin et al.* (U.S. 6,505,192 B1) in view of *Yeager et al.* (U.S. 2003/0028585 A1) and further in view of *Ganesan et al.* ("YAPPERS: A Peer-to-Peer Lookup Service over Arbitrary Technology", Ganesan et al., IEEE INFOCOM, pp 1250-1260, March 30 - April 3, 2003). This rejection is respectfully moot in light of the amendment to the claims.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Such action and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should the remittance be accidentally missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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